

## Regular Meeting of the City Council

Austin Texas April 18<sup>th</sup> 1900Alderman Mortimer Called the Council To order  
Roll called

Present Aldermen Mortimer and Stumpf 2

Absent Aldermen Durham Pischen Glaw Morris + Nolen 5.

Alderman Stumpf moved that the Council adjourn  
until Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> 1900, at 8 o'clock P.M. which  
Motion prevailedJno. O. Johnson  
City Clerk

Adjourned Regular Meeting of the City Council  
Austin Texas April 20<sup>th</sup> 1900

Hon Jno. R. Neale Mayor presiding  
Roll called

Present Aldermen Dunham Fischen Glass Morris Mortimer  
Nolen and Strunk  
Ways None.

Alderman Dunham moved to suspend the regular  
order of business and that the Council proceed to canvass the  
VOTE cast at the late election for Officers of the Fire Dept., which  
Motion prevailed -

The Mayor appointed Alderman Dunham Fischen Glass as  
the Committee provided for in the motion of Alderman Dunham.

The special Committee appointed to canvass the VOTE  
presented the following report, which was read and adopted

Boston Mayor & City Council

Yours Committee appointed to canvass  
the returns of an election of officers of the fire department held  
on March 19<sup>th</sup> 1900, beg leave to report that the returns show  
that the following Officers were elected

Joseph Macken	Chief
Clarance Woodward	Asst "
Jos. S. Shelton	Recorder.

G. R. Dunham  
W. A. Glass  
Francis Fischen

Alderman Morris moved to further suspend the regular order and  
that the Council proceed to the election of the various City  
officers and employees which are under the charter elected  
by the Council, which Motion prevailed.

Alderman Morris offered the following resolution which  
was read and adopted

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin  
That the following offices be now filled by election by  
the Council in the following order

Sanitary Inspector

Council Elector

City Collector

Priidge Keeper

Matron of the City & County Hospital

Porter at City Hall

The Mayor appointed Aldermen Fischen Nolen and  
Mortimer as Tellers and announced that nomination  
were in order for Sanitary Inspector

Alderman Mortimer nominated Red Bell

and Alderman Fischen moved that nomination be

voted and that the Clerk be directed to back the  
vote of the Council for Red Bell for Sanitary Inspector.

which motion prevailed, and the Clerk then cast the seven Votes of the Council as directed. The Mayor announced that R.D. Bell had been duly elected Sanitary Inspector of the City of Austin for the ensuing term.

Nominations for Pound Master being next in order Alderman Stumpf nominated T.H. Powell and Alderman Blumham nominated Bell Nolen. No further nominations being made Nominations were declared closed - The Tellers announced the following as the result of the Ballot -

Nolen  
Powell

4  
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Mr Bell Nolen having received a majority of all the Votes cast was declared duly elected as Pound Master of the City of Austin for the ensuing term.

The Mayor announced that nominations were now in order for Sexton Alderman Fischen nominated W.L. Nitschke Alderman Glass moved that nominations close and that the Clerk be directed to cast the unanimous Vote of the Council for Mr W.L. Nitschke which motion prevailed and the Clerk cast the Vote as directed. The Mayor declared W.L. Nitschke duly elected City Sexton for the ensuing term.

Nominations for Bridge Keeper being declared in order Alderman Nolen nominated H.J. Malone and moved that Nominations close and that the Clerk be directed to cast the Vote of the Council for W.J. Malone. The Clerk cast seven Votes for H.J. Malone for Bridge Keeper and the Mayor declared H.J. Malone duly elected as Bridge Keeper of the City of Austin for the ensuing Year.

The Mayor announced that nominations were now in order for Matron of the City and County Hospital. Alderman Fischen nominated Mrs E. Hamilton. Alderman Ellertson moved that Nominations be now closed, and that the Clerk be instructed to cast the unanimous Vote of the Council for Mrs Hamilton, which motion prevailed. The Clerk cast 7 Votes for Mrs Hamilton and the Mayor declared her duly elected as Matron of the City and County Hospital for the ensuing term.

Nominations for Porter at the City Hall being the next in order Alderman Glass nominated J.R. Kenada and Alderman Fischen nominated W.H. Harrison. The Tellers announced the following as the result of the ballot -

Kenada                  4 Votes  
Harrison                3 Votes

J.R. Kenada having received a majority of the Votes cast the Mayor declared him duly elected as Porter at the City Hall for the ensuing term.

Alderman Fischen moved that in accordance with a resolution passed on the City Council at a former meeting, that Alderman Blumham and Stumpf be directed to proceed to destroy

in the presence of the Council the three 5% Water Light bonds purchased in fancy last for the sinking fund of the Water Light bonds, which motion prevailed. The Committee then proceeded to burn in the presence of the Council the following described 5% Water Light bonds of the City Viz.

Bonds No<sup>t</sup> 598,599 & 600, with 122 Coupons (including coupon for Apr 1901) to each attached

Alderman Morris offered the following resolution, which was read and on motion referred to the Finance Committee, with instructions to report at the next regular meeting of the Council

Resolution

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Austin:

Section 1. That it is the sense of the City Council of the City of Austin that the disaster to the Water, Light & Power plant of the City and the destruction of its dam across the Colorado River by the flood of April the 7<sup>th</sup>, 1900, renders impossible the payment of interest and sinking fund on the outstanding Water and Light bonds of the City, according to the tenor and effect of said obligations.

Section 2. That the legal owners and holders of said bonds are hereby invited to send a representative or representatives to Austin, to the end that an equitable and mutually satisfactory adjustment of said indebtedness may, if possible, be arrived at between the City and the owners of its Water and Light Bonds.

Section 3. That a Committee consisting of the Mayor, three Aldermen and the City Attorney be appointed to represent the City of Austin in said Conference, with instructions to report the result of the Conference to the Council for final action, together with such recommendations as to them may seem proper in the premises.

Section 4. That the Mayor is hereby instructed to transmit to the bond-holders a copy of this resolution and to arrange for the holding of said Conference if same can be done.

Alderman Glass offered the following as a substitute for the resolution offered by Alderman Morris and asked that it be referred to the same Committee and it was so referred.

Whereas, the recent affliction visited upon the City of Austin, through the breaking of her great granite dam and the destruction of her Power House, containing costly and magnificent machinery for supplying our people with Water, light and power, has created a feeling of general despondency and discouragement which threatens to seriously cripple our business and industrial affairs, destroy confidence, and possibly culminate in the removal of many families from our midst as well as other disastrous results; and whereas, the embarrassed condition of the City's financial affairs

is such as to imperatively demand the most serious consideration and call forth the wisest and most patriotic counsel attainable; Wherefore Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Austin, that a Commission to be composed of three Citizen taxpayers of the City of Austin to be elected by the City Council whose duties are hereinafter stated, and is hereby created. The duties of said Commission shall be -

1 Go carefully inquire into the financial condition of the City, its resources, assets and liabilities; and also to collect such information as may be in their power, the terms upon which a settlement can be made between the City and its creditors, with the view of bringing to a settlement all controversies in which the City is now engaged.

2- At the conclusion of its investigation, to submit to this Council a report embodying the results of its labors, together with such suggestions and recommendations in the premises as they may deem advisable and for the best interests of the City, to adopt.

3 Said Commission shall have the power to employ a clerk or accountant, at a salary not exceeding \$100 per month, who shall be subject to its orders; and the sum of \$500, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay any expenses incurred by said Commission in the discharge of its duties, is hereby appropriated out of any funds not otherwise appropriated.

Pet. Found fees remitted  
Alderman Pietsch presented a petition of sundry litigants whose stock had been turned out during the recent freshet and had been taken up and impounded by the City, asking that the found fees paid by them to the City be refunded. The petition was on motion granted.

P.F. Fine of \$1.00 remitted  
Alderman Glass presented a petition from Henry Nall asking that a fine imposed in the Mayors Court be remitted. The petition was recommended by the Mayor and on Motion was granted.

Pet. A.S. Puritan authorized to remove Wagon  
corner Wagon Scale  
Death  
Pet. U.S. Puritan - Petition from Asst. Publican asking permission to remove a Wagon scale from its present location corner of East Avenue & 5th Street to a point on the west side of East Avenue corner of 6th street. On motion the petition was granted, the work to be done under the supervision of the City Engineer.

Mr. J. M. H. agent for the estate of C. & A. Schenck, appealing from the action of the Board of Equalization. On motion of Alderman Dunham the petition was referred to the special Committee on appeals.

The Mayor then laid before the Council a petition from Rosenberg asking damages from Water caused by overflow from one of the City Bridges during the late freshet. The petition was read and on motion referred to the Committee on claims and accounts and the street Committee.

11th January  
Court of Common Council

The Mayor laid before the Council a communication from W. J. James Esq Attorney for Pelt in the Case of Dair v. City which was read and a motion referred to the Finance Committee and City Attorney.

Approved  
January 11<sup>th</sup>  
By Alderman Stumpf An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1804.50 to pay the salaries of auxiliary employees from April 1st to Dec 31st 1900 -

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yea Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Martinen  
Nolen and Stumpf 7  
Nays None

Approved  
January 11<sup>th</sup>  
By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$28,376.25 to pay the salaries of officers and employees of the City from April 1st to Dec 31st 1900 -

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yea Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Martinen  
Nolen and Stumpf 7  
Nays None

Approved  
January 11<sup>th</sup>  
By Alderman Stumpf an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$180 - to pay the salaries of drivers of street teams from April 1st to Dec 31st 1900 -

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yea Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Martinen  
Nolen and Stumpf 7  
Nays None

Sent to Senate  
united.  
Alderman Nolen moved to reconsider the Vote by which the Council passed the ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1804.50. To pay salaries of auxiliary employees, which motion prevailed

Alderman Nolen then moved to amend the ordinance by striking out in the caption and the body of the ordinance the words and figures \$1804.50 and inserting the lieu thereof the figures and words \$2804.50 which motion prevailed

The ordinance was then passed by the following Vote  
Yea Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Martinen  
Nolen and Stumpf 7  
Nays None

Approved  
January 11<sup>th</sup>  
By Alderman Stumpf An ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2175.00 to pay the interest due April 1st 1900 on the Funding bonds of the City

The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following Vote

Yea Aldermen Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Martinen  
Nolen and Stumpf 7  
Nays None

By Alderman Stump An Ordinance appropriating the sum  
of \$290. to pay for repairs for Colorado Wagon etc  
The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the  
following Vote

Years Aldermen Blumhan Pickenslass Morris Mortimer  
Nolen Amy Stumpf 7  
Ways None

Ways None

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By Alderman Mortimer An Ordinance appropriating the sum of \$3095. to build a bridge across Wallen Creek on East 7<sup>th</sup> Street. On motion the ordinance was referred to the street committee without reading.

By Alderman Strumf An Ordinance Appropriating the sum of \$19<sup>60</sup> to pay for extra labor fire Dept. refiling lists The ordinance was passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote

Years Alderman Dunham Fischer Glass Morris Martineau  
Malen and Stumpf 7  
Ways None

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Alderman Morris moved that hereafter the regular meetings of the Council be held on the ~~first~~<sup>1st</sup> and <sup>3rd</sup> Mondays in each month at 6<sup>30</sup> P.M. which motion prevailed.

On motion the Council adjourned  
P.M.

urned  
Geo. C. Johnson  
City-Clark